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SECRETARY OF STATE WILL LAUNCH UD VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

Ohio Secretary of State Sherrod Brown will come to the University of Dayton on Thursday, Sept. 29 to launch a voter registration drive sponsored by 15 student organizations on campus. He will staff a registration booth from approximately 11:15 a.m. to noon in the Kennedy Union lobby.

"We can register anybody in the state of Ohio," said student Rick Ruffolo, coordinator of the voter registration drive. "We can also request absentee ballots for people who are already registered in another state."

The drive will continue Oct. 3-7 in the Kennedy Union lobby. Registration booths will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by student volunteers. The drive is sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) Campaign '88 Election Committee, a bi-partisan group comprised of 15 student organizations.

For further information, contact Rick Ruffolo at 229-4444.

UD STUDENTS EXAMINE PRESIDENTIAL CHARACTER DURING SCHOLARS SEMINAR

"It's very difficult to tell what a presidential candidate's character is during an election because it's hidden in advertising," contends David W. Ahern, an associate professor of political science at the University of Dayton who is teaching a senior-level scholar's seminar on presidential character this semester.

Using James David Barber's book "Presidential Character" as a resource, Ahern and his students are examining the personalities and characters of American presidents throughout history. "Certain types of characters fit the times," said Ahern, noting that Barber predicted that Ronald Reagan would be a "passive positive" president. "Barber described Reagan as someone who needed to be needed and loved by the citizenry and predicted that he would depend highly upon his aides. That's exactly what has happened."

Ahern's students will spend the majority of the semester working on individual research projects on such topics as: the role of the media in presidential campaigns, scandals in the presidency, the nature of political advertising and the role of debates in presidential campaigns. For more information, contact David Ahern at 229-3648 or 229-3626.



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